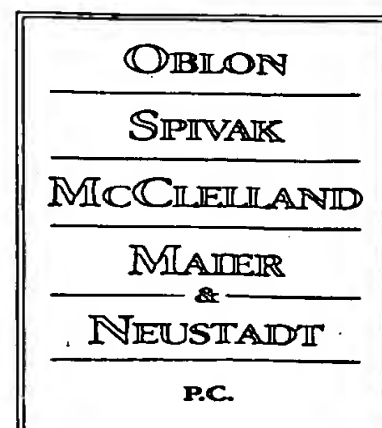




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/720,828

Applicants: Jacques THEZE, et al.

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Examiner: Mertz, Prema M.

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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)

Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated January 16, 2001

Copy of Request for Priority filed January 16, 2001

Copy of International Search Report filed January 16, 2001

Copy of Cited References (5) filed January 16, 2001

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Petitioners respectfully request the Office to invoke the supervising authority of the Commissioner and consider Petitioner's Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, concurrently filed herewith, and also indicate that the references cited on the International Search Report filed on January 16, 2001, has been considered. Petitioners respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an *initialed* copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Petitioners submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report, as filed, along with a copy of the references to be considered and the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

In addition, Petitioners request the Office to provide acknowledgment of the claim to priority. A copy of the Request for Priority Acknowledgment under 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention is enclosed herewith, as concurrently filed with the Comments on Statement for Reasons for Allowance, for the Examiner's convenience.

For the reasons given above, this petition should be GRANTED.

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